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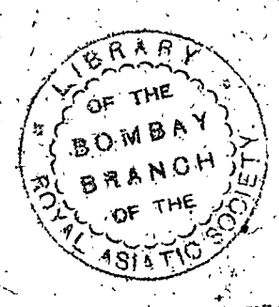
POLICE

OF THE

TOWN AND ISLAND OF BOMBAY

FOR THE YEAR 1908.



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No. $\frac{5530}{7}$ OF 1909.

From

S. M. EDWARDES, ESQ., I. C. S.,
Acting Commissioner of Police, Bombay;

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Judicial Department, Bombay.

Police Commissioner's Office:
Bombay, 26th May 1909.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit herewith the Annual Police Report for the Town and Island of Bombay for the year 1908.

2. In conformity with the instructions contained in Government Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 4075, dated the 14th January 1886, I forwarded the report to the Chief Presidency Magistrate and beg to attach hereto for the information of Government a copy of letter No. 2149/2, dated the 25th May 1909, from that officer.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
S. M. EDWARDES,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

No. 2149/2 OF 1909.

From

A. H. S. ASTON, ESQ.,
Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay;

To

THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Bombay.

Chief Presidency Magistrate's Court:
Bombay, 26th May 1909.

SIR,

I have the honor to return herewith, with thanks, your Annual Report on the working of the Bombay City Police for the year 1908 forwarded with your letter No. 5396/7, dated the 22nd instant, and to state that I endorse the remarks contained in paragraph 64 of the report.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) A. H. S. ASTON,
Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay.

(True copy.)
S. M. EDWARDES,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

No. $\frac{5829}{7}$ OF 1909.

From

S. M. EDWARDES, Esq., I. C. S.,
Acting Commissioner of Police, Bombay;

To

J. H. DuBOULAY, Esq., I. C. S.,
Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department, Bombay.

Police Commissioner's Office:
Bombay, 26th May 1909.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the working of the Bombay City Police for the year 1908, together with the usual statements as appendices prepared in the forms prescribed in Government Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 4561, dated the 6th September 1905.

2. Mr. H. G. Gell, M.V.O., was in charge of the office of the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, with Mr. R. M. Phillips as Deputy Commissioner, throughout the year.

Crime.

3. The total number of cognizable offences reported during the year 1908, was 47,557, exclusive of cases under Chapter VIII, Criminal Procedure Code, as compared with 50,724 cases in 1907 and 53,551 in 1906. Of this total of 47,557 cases, 40,824 were reported to the Police and 6,733 to the Magistracy. The figures for the triennial period ending with the year 1908 are as follows:—

Years.	Police.	Magistrates.
1906	47,923	5,628
1907	44,979	5,746
1908	40,824	6,733

The figures for the year under report show a decrease of 4,155 Police cases which is due to a fall of 4,692 cases in Class VI and a rise of 537 in cases under the Indian Penal Code. The decrease in Class VI is due to the fall in the number of cases of cruelty to animals, gambling, and of cases under the Police Act. This result is in great measure the result of a series of deterrent punishments inflicted by the Honorary Presidency Magistrates.

4. The non-cognizable offences reported to the Magistrates direct numbered 9,450 as against 9,330 in 1907 and 8,776 in the year 1906.

The totals of cognizable and non-cognizable cases for the triennial period ending with the year 1908 stand as follows:—

1906	...	...	62,327
1907	...	...	60,054
1908	...	...	57,007

5. The following comparative statement shows the details of cognizable and non-cognizable crime for the year under report and the preceding year:—

	1907.					1908.				
	Cognizable.			Non-cognizable.	Total crime.	Cognizable.			Non-cognizable.	Total crime.
	Police.	Magistrate.	Total.			Police.	Magistrate.	Total.		
Abetment ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2
Class I ...	24	1	25	37	62	60	4	64	38	102
„ II ...	279	61	340	...	340	377	60	437	...	437
„ III ...	375	2	377	2	379	539	2	541	3	544
„ IV ...	30	17	47	3,066	3,113	23	20	43	2,896	2,939
„ V ...	3,550	308	3,858	110	3,968	3,794	349	4,143	99	4,242
Total ...	4,258	389	4,647	3,215	7,862	4,795	435	5,230	3,036	8,266
Class VI ...	40,721	5,356	46,077	6,115	52,192	36,029	6,298	42,327	6,414	48,741
Grand Total ...	44,979	5,745	50,724	9,330	60,054	40,824	6,733	47,557	9,450	57,007

Police cognizable cases, all classes, including undetected and excluded cases.

6. The total number of cognizable cases reported to the Police under all classes was 40,824 as compared with 44,979 in the year 1907 and 47,923 in 1906. Including 4 cases pending from the preceding year, the total number of offences dealt with by the Police during 1903 was 40,828. Of this number, 37,923 ended in conviction, the percentage working out to 92·88 as against 94·47 in 1907 and 94·77 in the preceding year.

7. Under the Indian Penal Code (Classes I to V) there were 4,795 cases which with 4 cases pending from the preceding year made up 4,799 cases for disposal, as compared with 4,258 and 4,377 for 1907 and 1906 respectively. Out of 4,799 cases 3,804 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of 79·26 as against 75·91 in 1907 and 74·97 in the year 1906.

8. Under Class VI there were 36,029 cases as compared with 40,721 in the year 1907 and 43,546 in 1906. Out of these, 34,119 resulted in conviction, giving a percentage of 94·69 as compared with 96·41 and 96·76 in the years 1907 and 1906 respectively.

Excluded cases.

9. Excluded cases under all classes numbered 1,369 as compared with 1,226 in the year 1907 and 1,050 in 1906. Of these, 135 were under the Indian Penal Code and 1,234 under Class VI as compared with 183 and 1,043 respectively in the year 1907. The Indian Penal Code cases show a decrease of 43, while Class VI shows an increase of 191 cases, in consequence of cases in which the accused concerned not having responded to their recognizances being struck out by the Magistracy.

False cases.

10. Out of the 1,369 excluded cases, only 22 were declared to be false as compared with 61 in 1907 and 66 in 1906. In 13 false cases compensation ranging from Rs. 7 to Rs. 40 was awarded by the Magistrates under Section 553, Criminal Procedure Code to the accused for vexatious complaints.

True cases.

11. During the year under report 39,386 Police cases under all heads were classed as true cases as against 43,698 and 46,879 in the years 1907 and 1906 respectively. Out of the 39,386 cases 37,923 resulted in conviction, giving a percentage of 96·28 as compared with 97·26 and 96·89 in the years 1907 and 1906 respectively.

Under the Indian Penal Code the true cases numbered 4,610 as against 4,030 in the year 1907 and 3,237 in the year 1906. Of this total number of true cases, 3,804 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of 82·51 as compared with 80·32 in 1907 and 79·05 in 1906.

In Class VI there were 34,776 true cases as against 39,668 and 42,725 in 1907 and 1906 respectively. Of this year's true cases, 34,119 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of 98·11 as against 98·97 in the year preceding and 98·62 in the year 1906.

True and false cases and their proportion to cases reported.

12. True and false cases of all descriptions, including 4 cases pending from the previous year, numbered 39,386 and 1,369 respectively as compared with 43,698 and 1,226, respectively, in the preceding year and 46,879 and 1,050, respectively, in the year 1906. The proportion of true and false cases reported during the year was as follows :—

Cases reported	...	...	...	40,824
True cases	...	...	...	39,386
Excluded cases	...	...	...	1,369
Percentage of true cases	...	...	...	96·47
Percentage of excluded cases	...	...	...	3·35

Proportion of true crime to population.

13. The population of Bombay according to the census taken by the Bombay Municipality in February 1906 was 977,822 and with the number of true crimes standing at 39,386 the proportion of crime to population stands at 1 to 24·82 as compared with 1 to 22·37 persons in the preceding year and 1 to 20·85 in the year 1906.

Proportion of true crime to Police.

14. The proportion of true crime to Police stands at 16·81 to 1 as compared with 19·34 to 1 in 1907 and 20·78 to 1 in the year 1906 respectively.

Result of trial by classes.

15. *Class I.—Offences against the State, Public Tranquility, Safety and Justice.*—Under this class there were 60 cases during the year under report as against 24 in 1907 and 36 in 1906. This shows an increase of 36 cases which were for the most part cases falling under the head of "Rioting or unlawful assembly" (Serial No. 9). These were the natural outcome of the disturbed condition of the City at the time of the Mohorrum celebration and of the trial of Bal Gangadhar Tilak. Of the 60 cases for the year under review 49 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of 81·66 as compared with 83·33 and 88·88 in 1907 and 1906 respectively.

16. *Class II.—Serious offences against the person.*—There were under this class 377 cases for disposal as compared with 283 cases in 1907 and 376 in 1906, an increase of 94 distributed under the following heads of crime:—

	1907.	1908.
Hurt	83	119
Grievous hurt	71	86
Kidnapping	28	46
Criminal force to public servant, etc. ...	31	43

Out of the total of 377 cases 250 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of 66·31 as against 66·78 in the preceding year and 69·94 in the year 1906.

17. *Class III.—Serious offences against person and property or against property only.*—Under this class there were 539 cases for disposal as compared with 376 cases in 1907 and 494 in 1906. The increase of 163 cases is principally due to a larger number of cases of "Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking (Serial No. 29). Out of the 539 cases 326 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of 64·82 as compared with 60·10 in the preceding year and 58·44 in the year 1906.

18. *Class IV.—Minor offences against the person.*—Under this class there were 23 cases for disposal as compared with 30 in 1907 and 32 in 1906. This shows a decrease of 7 cases. Out of the 23 of this year's cases 12 resulted in conviction, giving a percentage of 52·17 as compared with 50·00 in 1907 and 59·37 in the year 1906.

19. *Class V.—Minor offences against property.*—There were under this class 3,798 cases for disposal, including 4 pending cases from the preceding year, as compared with 3,551 in the preceding year and 3,498 in 1906. This class shows an increase of 247 cases which is mainly noticeable under the head of "Theft, ordinary" (Serial No. 34) which alone shows an increase of 212 cases. Out of 3,798 of this year's cases 3,165 ended in conviction, showing a percentage of 83·07 as compared with 78·48 in the preceding year and 77·58 in the year 1906. The large increase of 212 cases is mostly due to domestic thefts which are not easily detected as the property stolen is either small cash or articles which are of common use amongst people and which it is very difficult to identify. Many people engage domestic servants without ascertaining their previous history and the result is that these servants after a short stay decamp with such valuables as they can lay hands upon.

20. *Class VI.—Other offences not specified above.*—Under this class there were 36,029 cases for disposal as compared with 40,721 in 1907 and 43,546 in 1906. This class shows a decrease of 4,692 cases and is mainly attributable to a general decrease in the Police and Gambling Acts cases and cases under the Cruelty to Animals Act. Out of the 36,029 cases 34,119 resulted in conviction, showing a percentage of 94·69 as compared with 96·41 in the preceding year and 96·77 in the year 1906.

Serious crime generally.

21. During the year under report there were 14 cases of murder and attempt at murder as compared with 7 in the preceding year and 16 in the year 1906. Out of the 14 cases 8 resulted in conviction, 2 in acquittal, 2 cases were transferred, one remained undetected, and one was pending at the close of the year. Out of the 3 cases of culpable homicide, 2 ended in conviction and 1 in acquittal.

22. During the year under report there was 1 case of infanticide as against nil in 1907. The accused woman was committed to the Sessions but was acquitted.

Suicide.

23. I subjoin the usual statement of cases of suicide compiled by the Coroner of Bombay :—

Offences.	Europeans.		Native Christians.		Parsis.		Mahomedans.		Hindus.		Grand Total.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
	6	...	1	1	14	3	7	...	44	28	72	32

24. During the year under report the Coroner held 438 inquests as compared with 347 in the preceding year, showing an increase of 91 inquests.

25. In accordance with the directions contained in Government Resolution No. 5819, dated the 16th September 1902, the Police disposed of 312 cases of simple accidental deaths as compared with 225 of such cases in 1907 and 221 in 1906.

Sessions cases and persons.

26. During the year 1908 the Sessions Court tried in all 58 cases as compared with 40 in the preceding year and 41 in the year 1906. Out of these, 41 resulted in conviction, 5 in acquittal, and 12 cases were discharged. These cases involved in all 70 persons; of whom 50 were convicted, 8 acquitted, and 12 discharged.

Undetected cases.

27. Six hundred and four cases remained undetected at the close of the year 1908, as compared with 644 cases in the preceding year and 659 in the year 1906. The percentages in connection with these cases for the triennial period are as given below :—

1906	...	...	1·37
1907	...	...	1·43
1908	...	...	1·47

Action of the Police in dealing with offences under Abkári, Salt, Customs and Opium Laws.

28. During the year under report, 51 cases were reported to the Police under the Abkári Act as compared with 36 cases in the preceding year and 36 in 1906. All but 4 cases ended in conviction. Out of the 54 persons involved

in these cases only 4 were acquitted, the rest being convicted. Under the Opium Act there were reported 5 cases implicating an equal number of persons; all of whom were convicted. No offence under the Salt Act was reported during 1908 as against nil in 1907.

Persons in Police cases.

29. During the year under report 44,054 persons were arrested by the Police, and with 4 pending from the previous year the total number of persons for disposal was 44,058 as compared with 48,101 in the preceding year and 51,344 in the year 1906. Out of 44,058 persons for disposal 41,546 were convicted, the percentage working to 94·29 as against 95·55 in the preceding year and 95·95 in the year 1906. The precentage of persons convicted to persons tried for the triennial period ending with the year 1908 was as follows:—

1906	...	...	...	96·09
1907	...	...	...	95·69
1908	...	...	...	94·56

Persons released without trial.

30. Under section 73 of the City of Bombay Police Act (IV of 1902), the Commissioner of Police cancelled bail bonds in the case of 5 persons as compared with 16 in the preceding year and 20 in 1906.

Disposed of by trial.

31. During the year under report 4,924 persons were tried in connection with cases falling under the Indian Penal Code (Classes I to V). Of these, 4,410 were convicted, showing a percentage of 89·56 as compared with 88·10 in the preceding year and 90·35 in the year 1906.

Under Class VI, 39,065 persons were tried. Of these, 37,136 persons were convicted, showing a percentage of 95·06 as compared with 96·33 in the preceding year and 97·01 in 1906.

Direct cognizable crime.

(*a*) *Cases.*

32. During the year under report the total number of Magistrate's true cases amounted to 6,733 as compared with 5,745 in the preceding year and 5,628 in 1906. Out of 6,733 cases 6,195 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of 92·00 as compared with 91·37 in the preceding year and 93·42 in 1906.

(*b*) *Persons.*

33. The number of persons concerned in the above direct cases was 6,949 as compared with 5,924 in the preceding year and 5,787 in 1906. Out of the 6,949 persons 6,299 persons were convicted showing a percentage of 90·61 as compared with 89·77 in the preceding year and 91·75 in 1906.

Non-cognizable crime.

(*a*) *Cases.*

34. The total number of non-cognizable cases for disposal during the year under report amounted to 9,474 as compared with 9,354 in the preceding year and 8,789 in the year 1906. Out of 9,474 cases for disposal 3,080 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of 32·51 as compared with 35·56 in the preceding year and 38·03 in 1906. The remaining 6,394 cases were disposed of as follows:—

Ended in acquittal	...	4,628
Dismissed without trial	...	864
Pending at close of year	...	30
Cases of death, lunacy, compounded, transferred, etc.	...	872
		6,394

(b) Persons.

35. In connection with the above non-cognizable cases, 12,806 persons appeared before the Courts as compared with 12,549 in the preceding year and 11,529 persons in 1906. Out of the 12,806 persons that appeared before the Courts 3,376 were convicted, showing a percentage of 26·37 as compared with 29·03 in the preceding year and 31·89 in 1906.

Castes of offenders.

36. The following statement shows the different castes to which 63,747 offenders dealt with in both cognizable and non-cognizable cases belonged :—

Offence.	Caste.														Grand Total.
	Europeans.		Portuguese and Native Christians.		Hindus.		Mahomedans.		Parsis.		Others.		Total.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Cognizable ...	226	7	523	63	28,548	4,066	16,402	405	163	14	170	20	46,332	4,609	50,941
Non-cognizable ...	86	7	279	20	6,858	898	3,773	291	491	60	200	13	11,517	1,289	12,806
Total ...	312	14	802	83	35,236	4,984	20,175	696	654	74	670	42	57,849	5,898	63,747

Property stolen and recovered.

37. During the year under report the total value of property alleged to have been stolen in Police cognizable cases amounted to Rs. 3,48,530 as compared with Rs. 3,07,088 in the preceding year and Rs. 3,94,255 in 1906. The total value of the property recovered amounted to Rs. 1,96,524 as compared with Rs. 192,046 in the preceding year and Rs. 2,03,842 in the year 1906, giving a percentage of 56·38 as compared with 62·53 in the preceding year and 51·70 in 1906.

The number of cases in which property was stolen amounted to 3,910 and those in which it was recovered numbered 3,341, giving a percentage of 85·44 as compared with 83·73 in the preceding year and 80·72 in the year 1906.

General results of working.

38. The following are the salient features of the year's history of crime :—

I.—A rise in the number of offences under the Indian Penal Code (Classes I to V).

II.—A decrease in the number of offences under the Police and Local Acts (Class VI).

III.—An increase of offences in Classes I, II, III and V.

IV.—A decrease of offences in Classes IV and VI.

V.—A slight falling off in the percentage results of convictions in Classes I, II and VI.

VI.—A rise in the percentage results of convictions in Classes III, IV and V.

VII.—A rise in the percentage of cases in which property was recovered.

Arms, Explosives, Petroleum and Motor Vehicles Acts.

(a) Arms Act.

39. During the year under report, the licenses of the 36 firms dealing in arms and ammunition in Bombay were renewed by the Commissioner of Police, and a renewal was also granted by Government in the case of the 8 firms selected to deal in rifled breech loading arms and ammunition. Of the latter, 5 are licensed

to deal in ammunition for rifles of the prohibited bores. The shops and godowns of these dealers were regularly inspected throughout the year and stock taken at least once a month, when the quantity of arms and ammunition on hand was found to be correct, and agreed with the stock and sale books, which were well and carefully kept.

Three successful prosecutions were instituted during the year under section 19 (*f*) of the Indian Arms Act and one under 19 (*c*) and (*a*).

40. The subjoined Table A gives the number of licenses and permits issued by the Commissioner of Police under the Arms Act and shows an increase of 229 licenses over the year 1907 and Table B shows to what community the licensees for the possession of arms (item 8, Table A) belong. In the latter Table an increase of 16 licenses will be noted, 46 licenses were cancelled or were not renewed for the year 1908 (Table B 1) due to the licensees either depositing their guns in office, being made Justices of the Peace or leaving for other districts or dying; thus leaving 427 renewed licenses. Sixty-two new licenses were issued during 1908 and this increase is due to honorary members of the Poona Volunteer Corps taking out licenses in accordance with Government Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 3768, dated the 16th July 1908. The total number of Possession licenses therefore for 1908 amounted to 489.

TABLE "A".

Serial Number.	Description of license.	Number of licenses granted in		Increase.	Decrease.
		1907.	1908.		
1	Transport Licenses (Forms II, IV and XII)	522	548	26	...
2	Registered export licenses	587	660	73	...
3	Export licenses (Form V)	692	784	92	...
4	Import licenses	372	367	...	5
5	Transhipment licenses	41	50	9	...
6	Journey licenses	79	96	17	...
7	Possession licenses for Arms	473	489	16	...
8	Possession licenses for ·303 and ·450 bore ammunition	41	30	...	11
9	Licenses to possess explosives for *bonâ fide* blasting purposes (Form XII) ...	...	62	62	...
10	Dealer's licenses	36	36	...	...
11	Permits to public servants	60	80	20	...
12	Permits to carry explosives in streets and public places	766	698	...	68
13	Permits for H. M. the Ameer's consignments	2	...	...	2
	Total ...	3,671	3,900	315	86

TABLE "B".

Nationality.	Rifle.	Fowling pieces.	Revolvers.	Pistols.	Air Guns.	Swords.	Sword sticks.	Daggers.	Pattas.	Jumbias.	Total number of arms.	Total number of licenses.
Hindus ...	19	118	37	19	....	89	9	3	2	2	298	165
Mahomedans ...	21	44	12	4	1	21	...	5	...	...	108	68
Parsis ...	55	102	70	9	1	38	9	21	...	...	305	165
Native Christians ...	6	85	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	91	84
Jews ...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Japanese ...	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	5
Total ...	102	353	119	33	2	149	18	29	2	2	809	489
Total 1907...	84	355	108	29	2	135	19	28	2	....	762	473

Table B (1) shows the number of licenses belonging to the different communities cancelled during the year under review. Table B (2) shows the manner in which such licenses were disposed of and Table B (3) shows the communities to which new licenses were granted.

TABLE B (1).

Number of licenses cancelled during the year 1908.

Nationality.	Rifles.	Fowling pieces.	Revolvers.	Pistols.	Air Guns.	Swords.	Sword sticks.	Daggers.	Pattas.	Jumbias.	Total number of arms.	Total number of licenses. †	Remarks.
Hindus	4	16	6	2	...	6	2	...	...	...	36	20	
Mahomedans	2	9	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	12		
Parsis	...	3	7	3	...	39	...	23	...	...	75*	10	* Include 3 theatrical licenses.
Native Christians	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	
Jews	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Japanese	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Total ...	6	34	13	6	...	46	2	23	...	...	130	46	
Total 1907 ...	6	25	17	2	2	49	1	11	1	2	116	47	

TABLE B (2).

Statement showing how the arms of cancelled licenses were disposed of.

Arms how disposed of.	Number of licenses.	Number of arms.	Remarks.
Deposited in office	11	15	
Sold to authorised persons	12	32	
Removed to another district	8	11	
Left India	4	16	
Not traceable	3	3	
Became Justices of the Peace	3	9	
Became Khán Bahádur	...	...	
Became Volunteers	1	1	
Obtained new licenses	4	43*	* Theatrical Co.
Total ...	46	230	

TABLE B (3).

Number of new licenses issued in 1908.

Nationality.	Rifles.	Fowling pieces.	Revolvers.	Pistols.	Air Guns.	Swords.	Sword sticks.	Daggers.	Pattas.	Jumbias.	Total number of arms.	Total number of licenses.	Remarks.
Hindus	1	5	3	3	...	26	1	3	...	2	44*	8	* One theatrical Co. possesses 35 arms.
Mahomedans	1	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	5	
Parsis	21	21	20	7	...	32	...	21	...	...	122*	44	
Native Christians	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	
Jews	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Japanese	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Total ...	24	32	24	10	...	60	1	24	...	2	177	62	
Total 1907 ...	6	16	7	3	...	19	...	2	...	...	53	26	

(b) *Explosives Act.*

41. The magazine and godowns of the various license-holders under the Explosives Act were inspected as often as possible during the year and were found to be maintained in accordance with the orders of Government.

Under this Act, 203 licenses were renewed and 4 new licenses under Form "B" and 1 under Form "F" were granted during the year (*vide* Table "C" below) showing a decrease of 2 licenses since 1907.

Three persons were prosecuted under the Explosives Act Rules, one of whom was acquitted.

TABLE "C"

Serial No.	Description of license.	Form on which license is granted.	Number of licenses granted in		Increase.	Decrease.
			1907.	1908.		
1	Manufacture, possession and sale ...	A	18	15	...	3
2	Possession and sale	B	170	174	4	...
3	Possession	C	4	4	...	...
4	Do.	F	1	2	1	...
5	Sale	L	4	2	...	2
6	Magazine licenses	J	10	9	...	1
7	Floating magazine licenses ...	K	3	2	...	1
	Total ...	...	210	208	5	7

(c) *Petroleum Act.*

42. Under the Petroleum Act the number of licenses issued during the year 1908, numbered 141, showing an increase of 7 licenses over the preceding year.

The godowns licensed under this Act were periodically inspected and found to be maintained in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Petroleum Act.

The following table "D" shows the number of licenses issued under the Act:—

TABLE "D".

Serial No.	Description of licenses.	Form on which granted.	Number of licenses granted in		Increase.	Decrease.
			1907.	1908.		
1	Import licenses	...	22	35	13	...
2	Special Transport licenses for dangerous petroleum ...	D	47	58	11	...
3	General Transport licenses for dangerous petroleum ...	G	8	7	...	1
4	Special Transport licenses for non-dangerous petroleum ...	E	20	2	...	18
5	General Transport licenses for non-dangerous petroleum ...	F	6	4	...	2
6	Possession licenses	A	6	10	4	...
7	Possession and Transport licenses (Motor owners)	I	19	18	...	1
8	Carbide of Calcium	B, C & D	6	7	1	...
	Total ...	...	134	141	29	22

(d) Motor Vehicles Act.

43. During the year under report 195 cars were registered, making a total of 1,071 motor vehicles registered since the year 1905, out of which approximately 661 were running in Bombay City. Twelve numbers were cancelled during the year, the cars having been either broken up or sent out of the Presidency.

One hundred and seventy-nine transfers were effected.

The general numbers shown on the registers for 1908 amounted to 30, all of which are in Bombay City and the cars running under these numbers help to swell the motor traffic on the roads.

Fourteen licenses to ply for hire and 6 certificates of competency were issued for the City as well as 993 drivers' licenses.

In all 111 accidents were due to Motor Vehicles, 9 of which proved fatal. Out of the 47 prosecutions that were instituted under the Act, 41 resulted in conviction.

Pilgrims.

44. During the year under report 15,272 pilgrims left Bombay for the Hedjaz with passports from this office, while 839 pilgrims left without obtaining such passports. Of the latter, some did not trouble to obtain passports, while others, who only booked steamer passages at the last moment, had no time to apply for passports. The details of those who left with passports are as follows :—

12,791	pilgrims from British territories.
2,189	pilgrims from foreign territories.
292	pilgrims who had obtained passports from different British Civil and Political Officers in India.
15,272	

Adding the 839 pilgrims mentioned above, the total number of pilgrims who actually left Bombay for the Hedjaz was 16,111.

During the same period 18,230 pilgrims returned from the Hedjaz *viâ* Bombay and were sent to their homes in different parts of India under the usual Police arrangements.

In September 1908 Government appointed a Haj Committee with Mr. H. G. Gell, M.V.O., as its President. The Committee so far have done good work and are endeavouring to help their co-religionists over the many difficulties attendant upon a long and not infrequently trying pilgrimage.

Deportation of foreigners.

45. Ten foreigners of the class of procurers were deported during the year under report.

A foreigner named Andrea Cordona, who was convicted in a case of counterfeiting King's coin, arrived from Poona and was despatched to Marseilles on the 14th May 1908.

Eight Arabs ordered by Government to remove themselves from British India on the representation of the Honourable the Resident in Hyderabad were sent down to Bombay from Secunderabad and deported.

Fires.

46. The total number of fires that took place in the City of Bombay during the year 1908 was 103 and the aggregate amount of property lost or destroyed is estimated at Rs. 35,33,115. The figures for 1907 were as follows :—

Fires	97
Estimated loss of property worth ...	Rs. 21,12,440

The Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay states that out of the 103 fires, in no less than 29 fires property to the extent of Rs. 2,000 and upwards was destroyed during the year under report.

Street accidents.

47. During the year under report 979 persons were injured and 46 were killed in conveyance accidents as compared with 995 injured and 34 killed in the year 1907. The following are the details :—

	Injured.	Killed.
(*a*) By Tram Cars ...	212	15
(*b*) „ Motor Cars ...	102	9
(*c*) „ Hack Victorias ...	184	5
(*d*) „ Other Public Conveyances ...	187	9
(*e*) „ Private Conveyances ...	294	8
	979	46

This shows a decrease of 16 in the number of persons injured and an increase of 12 in those killed.

Conveyances.

48. The total number of public and private conveyances in the City of Bombay during the year 1908 was as follows :—

Public vehicles	10,199
Private do.	7,712
Motor do.	661
Total ...	18,572

showing a decrease of 738 in public, an increase of 173 in private, and an increase of 47 in motor vehicles. The public conveyances consisted of:—

Victorias	1,540
Recklas	142
Labour carts	8,498
Hand carts	19
Total ...	10,199

The decrease in the number of public conveyances is mainly due to a number of labour cart licenses not having been renewed in consequence possibly of slackness of trade.

Habitual crimes and offenders.

49. The following statement shows the work done by the Criminal Identification Branch of this office with regard to the tracing of the Finger Impression slips of convicts :—

Year.	Number of impressions received for identification.	Number of prisoners identified.
1906	3,185	674
1907	3,390	794
1908	4,018	992

In addition to the 992 prisioners so identified by this office during the year, 185 other prisoners were identified by the Presidency Bureau, 78 by Simla and 3 by other Bureaux.

Out of the 992 prisoners so identified during the year, 68 were juveniles as against 107 in the preceding year and 60 in the year 1906.

The working of this branch shows that there has been a steady increase of work year by year and the year under report also shows an increase in the number of persons identified by the branch.

Bad characters.

50. Under Chapter VIII of the Criminal Procedure Code, there were 8 cases involving 11 persons during the year under report, as against 11 in the preceding year and 16 in the year 1906. Out of the 8 cases for this year 6 resulted in conviction, 1 in acquittal and in 1 case the accused was declared to be a lunatic and sent to the Lunatic Asylum at Ratnágiri. Three of the 7 convicted furnished the requisite security, the remaining 4 being sent to jail in default.

Criminal classes and influx of suspicious foreigners.

51. Three Harnees were arrested and sent to Ludhiana by order of the Second Presidency Magistrate before whom they were placed. There were seven arrests in 1907.

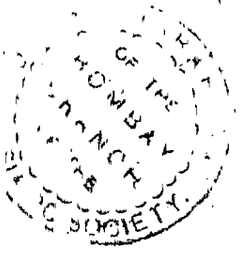
Police Establishments.

52. During the year under report the strength was augmented by the addition of 10 Constables (*vide* Government Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 2898, dated 30th May 1908).

Similarly 72 officers and men were added to the Force for the replacement of Military Guards by Police Guards (*vide* Government Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 3587, dated 7th July 1908).

The strength of the Sanitary Police stood as follows :—

1	Inspector.
4	Sub-Inspectors.
3	Havildárs.
32	Constables.
40	



Punishments.

53. Two hundred and twenty-two officers and men were punished during the year 1908 as compared with 287 in the preceding year and 408 in the year 1906. The details are as follows :—

Departmentally	211
Judicially	4
Dismissed	7

Rewards.

54. The number of officers and men rewarded during the year under report was as follows :—

(1)	By Departmental promotion	212
(2)	„ the issue of Good Service Tickets	666
(3)	„ the grant of silver stripes	2
(4)	„ the grant of two stripes	13
(5)	„ the grant of one stripe	29
(6)	„ the A'bkári Department	3
(7)	„ the Magistrates	5
(8)	„ the Commissioner of Police	23
(9)	„ Otherwise rewarded	151
		1,104

Health.

55. The total number of admissions into the Northcote Police Hospital during the year under report was 2,633 as compared with 1,920 in the preceding year and 1,966 in the year 1906. The daily average on the sick list was as follows :—

	1907.	1908.
Native Constabulary	45·9	55·34
European Police	2·04	0·2

The Police Surgeon attributes the increase to the unhealthiness of the last portion of the year.

Casualties.

56. The following are the details of casualties that occurred during the year under report :—

Resignations	31
Discharges	16
Dismissals	7
Transfers	1
Deaths	38
Retirement on pension or gratuity	43
	136

The quinquennial average of casualties ending with the year 1907 is 190. Out of 38 deaths that occurred during the year 1908, 8 were due to plague as compared with 6 and 12 in the years 1907 and 1906 respectively.

Education.

57. During the year under report 198 officers (European and Native) and 596 men were able to read and write as compared with 198 officers and 576 men in the year 1907.

Recruiting.

58. The number of recruits enlisted during the year 1908 was 165 as compared with 164 in the preceding year and 132 in 1906.

Resignations.

59. During the year under report there were 31 resignations as compared with 43 in the preceding year and 59 in 1906.

Drill and Ball Practice.

60. The Drill and Ball Practice was regularly taken by the Head-quarter Sub-Inspector.

Police Buildings.

61. The Duncan Road Police Accommodation Scheme of the City Improvement Trust was completed and the building was occupied during the year (*vide* Government Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 7169, dated the 2nd December 1908).

The European Officers' Quarters in the Improvement Trust Scheme on Suxxes Road were completed and the quarters have been occupied (*vide* Government Resolution, General Department, No. 7168, dated the 2nd December 1908).

A wooden chauki for four men was constructed by the Public Works Department and located on land belonging to City Improvement Trust at the Junction of Falkland Road and Trimbak Parasharam Street (*vide* Government Resolution, Financial Department, No. 3321, dated the 7th August 1908).

Condition of Arms, Accoutrements and Ammunition.

62. They were regularly inspected and kept in proper order.

General Efficiency and Remarks.

63. The following are the most noteworthy events that occurred in the City of Bombay during the year under report :—

(1) The Mohorrum disturbances.
(2) The "Tilak" trial.
(3) The Malabar Hill thefts.
(4) Theft of revolvers by Pathans; and
(5) Strikes by Mill-hands.

(1) The Mohorrum festival of 1908 was the cause of uneasiness and trouble to the entire Force and culminated in a serious disturbance on the last day of the festival. A full and detailed report of this disturbance has already been submitted to Government under this office letter No. 2015-6R., dated the 25th February 1908, and Government in their Resolution, Judicial Department, No 1326, dated the 11th March 1908, in appreciating the services of the Police observed that the Commissioner of Police and his officers and men are deserving of commendation for the manner in which they dealt with a situation serious in itself and fraught with danger to the peace of the entire City of Bombay.

(2) The "Tilak" trial and the industrial strikes which resulted from it presented certain unusual features and kept the City in a very disturbed condition for a considerable period. I do not propose to recapitulate the whole case here but refer Government to Mr. Gell's report in this connection submitted under this office letter No. 10503-6R., dated the 7th August 1908, and to the remarks upon the Police Force which Government passed in their Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 5059, dated the 26th September 1908.

(3) For some time during the year 1908 thefts were committed in European houses on Malabar Hill, and the Commissioner of Police was obliged to offer a reward of Rs. 100 for information leading to the arrest of the culprit. Subsequently the accused Tyebali Alibhoy, a Bohra by caste, was arrested and 20 different cases under Section 380, Indian Penal Code, and one under Section 457, Indian Penal Code, were traced to him. He was convicted under all counts and sentenced to a term aggregating 15 years and 6 days' rigorous imprisonment. In connection with these cases two Marwari receivers of stolen property were also convicted under section 411, Indian Penal Code, and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment and also fine.

(4) Seven revolvers were stolen from the shop of Essuf Ali Mahomed Ali, a licensed dealer in arms and ammunition. Certain information having been received, Superintendent Mr. Flanagan made arrangements and succeeded in arresting three Pathans and a Pathan boy aged about 12 years and recovering the seven revolvers which were found buried in a wall. All the accused were subsequently placed before the Fourth Presidency Magistrate under sections 457, 380 and 114, Indian Penal Code, and were all convicted and sentenced to different terms of imprisonment.

(5) During the same period, the mill-hands of 153 mills went on strike. The total number of mill-hands involved was 413,767. On each occasion Police had to be furnished to keep order. The facts and figures mentioned above go to prove that the efficiency of the Force has been maintained at its previous level.

I may also mention that during the year under report some of the European Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors underwent a course of training in the art of Jui Jitsu wrestling, &c. The services of Mr. Fuginuma were entertained under the orders of Government (*vide* Government Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 2978, dated the 4th June 1908) and he gave instructions to 30 European Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors. This art is regularly taught in the training school of the London Police: and considerable advantage would accrue from the regular training of the Bombay Police on the same lines.

64. The good relations existing between the Magistracy and the Police continued during the year under report.

In addition to the three Benches of the Honorary Presidency Magistrates, *viz.* at (1) Girgaum, (2) Mazagon and (3) Dadar, established under Government Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 2534, dated the 19th May 1904, a fourth Bench was created and located at the Esplanade Police Court with effect from the 1st April 1908 appointing certain gentlemen to be Honorary Presidency Magistrates with co-ordinate jurisdiction over the whole of the area comprised

within the limits of the Town and Island of Bombay (*vide* Government Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 1649, dated the 28th March 1908).

65. As I have only recently taken charge of the office of Commissioner of Police, I am not yet in a position to single out any particular officer for commendation. But I may bring to the notice of Government the great assistance which I have received from Mr. R. M. Phillips, the Deputy Commissioner, since I took charge from him, in a variety of matters connected with the administration of the Force.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

S. M. EDWARDES,
Acting Commissioner of Police

STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT

RETURN OF COGNIZABLE

Part I.—Return

Serial No.	Law.	Offence.	Number pending from previous year.	Number reported in the year.	Number in which investigation was refused.	Number remaining for investigation (columns 4+5—6).	Number proved or declared to be false.	Number due to mistakes of law or fact or declared non-cognizable.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Sections of Indian Penal Code.							
1	115, 117, 118, 119 ...	Abetment of cognizable offence.	...	2	...	2	...	...
	CLASS I.—*Offences against the State, Public Tranquility, Safety and Justice.*							
2	131 to 136, 138 ...	Offences relating to the Army and Navy.	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	231 to 254	Offences relating to coin ...	...	5	...	5	...	...
4	255 to 263A	Offences relating to stamps ...	...	2	...	2	...	...
5	467 and 471	Offences relating to Government Promissory Notes.	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	489A to 489D ...	Offences relating to Currency Notes and Bank Notes.	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	212 to 216, 216A ...	Harbouring an offender ...	...	1	...	1	...	...
8	224, 225, 225B and 226...	Other offences against public justice.	...	11	...	11	...	...
9	143 to 153, 157, 158, 159.	Rioting or unlawful assembly.	...	38	...	38	...	...
10	140, 170, 171 ...	Personating public servant or soldier.	...	3	...	3	...	...
		Total ...	...	60	...	60	...	...
	CLASS II.—*Serious Offences against the Person.*							
11	302, 303, 396 ...	Murder	...	9	...	9	...	...
12	307	Attempts at murder ...	...	5	...	5	...	...
13	304, 308	Culpable homicide	...	3	...	3	...	...
14	376	Rape by a person other than the husband.	...	1	...	1	...	...
15	377	Unnatural offence	...	2	...	2	...	...
16	317, 318	Exposure of infants or concealment of birth.	...	6	...	6	...	...
17	305, 306, 309	Attempt at, and abetment of, suicide.	...	37	...	37	...	...
18	325, 326, 329, 331, 333 335.	Grievous hurt	...	86	...	86	...	29
19	328	Administering stupefying drugs to cause hurt.	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	324, 327, 330, 332 ...	Hurt	...	119	...	119	2	28
21	363 to 369 & 371, 372, 373.	Kidnapping or abduction, selling, etc., for prostitution and dealing in slaves.	...	46	...	46	...	1
22	346 to 348	Wrongful confinement and restraint in secret or for the purpose of extortion.	...	1	...	1	...	...
23	353, 354, 356, 357 ...	Criminal force to public servant or woman, or an attempt to commit theft or wrongfully confine.	...	43	...	43	...	1
24	304A, 338	Rash or negligent act causing death or grievous hurt.	...	19	...	19	...	3
		Total ...	...	377	...	377	2	62
	CLASS III.—*Serious Offences against Person and Property, or against Property only.*							
25	395, 397, 398, 399, 402 ...	Dacoity and preparation and assembly for dacoity.	...	4	...	4	...	...
26	392, 393, 394, 397, 398.	Robbery	...	16	...	16	1	1
27	270, 281, 282, 430 to 433, 435 to 440.	Serious mischief and cognate offences.	...	5	...	5	...	...
28	428, 429	Mischief by killing, poisoning or maiming any animal.	...	3	...	3	...	...

A.

CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1908.

of Cases.

Number pending at end of year.	True Cases.				Total Magistrate's true cases.	Total Magistrate's cases ending in conviction.	Grand total of true cases (columns 14+15).	Remarks.
	Convicted.	Discharged or acquitted.	Not detected or apprehended.	Total true cases (columns 6+11+12+13).				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
...	2	...	...	2	...	...	2	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	4	1	...	5	...	...	5	
...	2	...	...	2	...	...	2	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	
...	9	1	...	10	...	...	10	1 transferred.
...	31	4	...	35	4	1	39	3 transferred ; 1 withdrawn.
...	2	1	...	3	...	...	3	
...	49	7	...	56	4	1	60	4 transferred ; 1 withdrawn.
1	4	1	1	6	...	...	6	2 transferred.
...	4	1	...	5	...	...	5	
...	2	1	...	3	...	...	3	
...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	
...	1	1	...	2	...	...	2	
...	1	1	4	6	...	...	6	
...	29	5	...	34	...	...	34	1 transferred ; 2 died.
...	47	8	...	55	3	2	58	1 transferred ; 1 lunatic ; 28 compounded.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	78	6	5	89	26	7	115	27 compounded ; 1 non-cognizable.
...	37	5	...	42	10	3	52	2 transferred ; 1 died.
...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	
...	36	3	3	42	21	4	63	
...	10	6	...	16	...	...	16	3 compounded.
1	250	39	13	302	60	16	362	6 transferred ; 3 died ; 1 lunatic ; 1 non-cognizable ; 58 compounded.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 transferred.
...	10	3	1	14	1	...	15	
...	3	2	...	5	...	...	5	
...	...	2	1	3	...	...	3	

STATEMENT

Serial No.	Law.	Offence.	Number pending from previous year.	Number reported in the year.	Number in which investigation was refused.	Number remaining for investigation (columns 4+5—6).	Number proved or declared to be false.	Number due to mistakes of law or fact or declared non-cognizable.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	CLASS III.—*Serious Offences against Person and Property, or against Property only*—continued.							
29	449 to 452, 454, 455, 457 to 460.	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking with intent to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt and house-trespass with a view to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt.	...	511	...	511	...	2
30	311, 400, 401	Belonging to gangs of thugs, dacoits, robbers, and thieves.	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	539	...	539	1	3
	CLASS IV.—*Minor Offences against the Person.*							
31	341 to 344	Wrongful restraint and confinement.	...	15	...	15	...	8
32	336, 337	Rash act causing hurt or endangering life.	...	8	...	8	...	2
33	374	Compulsory labour	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	23	...	23	...	10
	CLASS V.—*Minor Offences against Property.*							
34	379 to 382	Theft ... {of cattle ... / ordinary ...	... 1	... 3,128	... ...	... 3,129	... 12	... 19
35	406 to 409	Criminal breach of trust ...	...	312	...	312	4	7
36	411 to 414	Receiving stolen property ...	3	191	...	194	1	3
37	419, 420	Cheating	...	136	...	136	1	5
38	447, 448, 453 & 456 ...	Criminal or house-trespass and lurking house-trespass or house-breaking.	...	25	...	25	1	4
39	461, 462	Breaking closed receptacle...	...	2	...	2	...	...
		Total ...	4	3,794	...	3,798	19	38
	CLASS VI.—*Other Offences not specified above.*							
40	295 to 297	Offences against religion ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
41	269, 277, 279, 280, 283, 285, 286, 289, 291 to 294, Section 34 of Act V of 1861, and nuisances punishable under local laws.	Public nuisances, etc. ...	...	69	...	69	...	...
42	.....	Offences under special and local laws declared to be cognizable.	...	35,960	...	35,960	...	1,234
		Total ...	...	36,029	...	36,029	...	1,234
		GRAND TOTAL ...	4	40,824	...	40,828	22	1,347

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 26th May 1909.

A—*continued.*

Number pending at end of year.	True Cases. Convicted.	Discharged or acquitted.	Not detected or apprehended.	Total true cases (columns 6+11+12+13).	Total Magistrate's true cases.	Total Magistrate's cases ending in conviction.	Grand total of true cases (columns 14 + 15).	Remarks
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
...	313	14	173	500	1	1	501	8 transferred ; 1 lunatic.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	326	21	175	522	2	1	524	12 transferred ; 1 lunatic.
...	6	1	...	7	18	1	25	8 compounded.
...	6	...	...	6	2	1	8	2 compounded.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	12	1	...	13	20	2	33	10 compounded.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
...	2,631	63	385	3,079	45	12	3,124	14 transferred ; 5 lunatics ; 1 compounded.
...	257	21	20	298	219	45	517	2 transferred ; 1 lunatic.
...	144	42	3	189	3	...	192	1 transferred.
...	112	8	8	128	63	9	191	2 transferred ; 1 withdrawn.
...	20	...	...	20	19	5	39	4 compounded.
...	1	....	...	1	...	...	1	1 transferred.
...	3,165	134	416	3,715	349	71	4,064	20 transferred ; 6 lunatics ; 5 compounded ; 1 withdrawn.
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	
...	59	10	...	69	8	3	77	
...	34,060	647	...	34,707	6,289	6,101	40,996	16 transferred ; 3 lunatics ; 83 withdrawn ; 1 compounded.
...	34,119	657	...	34,776	6,298	6,104	41,074	16 transferred ; 3 lunatics ; 83 withdrawn ; 1 compounded.
1	37,923	859	604	39,386	6,733	6,195	46,119	58 transferred ; 3 died ; 11 lunatics ; 74 compounded ; 85 withdrawn ; 1 non-cognizable.

S. M. EDWARDES,
Acting Commissioner of Police

STATEMENT A.

RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1908.

Part II.—Return of Persons concerned in cases.

Serial Number.	Law.	Offence.	Persons in custody pending trial or investigation or on bail, under Section 170, Criminal Procedure Code, at beginning of year as concerned in cases reported to, or in cases taken up by the Police.	Arrested by the Police during the year.	Released under Section 169, Criminal Procedure Code.	Released by Magistrate's order before trial.	Number of persons tried.	Number convicted.	Number acquitted or discharged.	Number of persons evading arrest at close of year.	Number in custody pending trial or investigation or on bail at end of year.	PERSONS CONCERNED IN MAGISTRATE'S CASES. Number arrested.	Number convicted.	Number acquitted or discharged.	REMARKS.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Sections of Indian Penal Code.														
1	115, 117, 118, 119.	Abetment of cognizable offence	...	2	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		CLASS I.—*Offences against the State, Public Tranquillity, Safety and Justice.*													
2	121 to 126, 128 ...	Offences relating to the Army and Navy ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3	231 to 254 ...	Offences relating to coin	...	7	...	...	7	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	
4	255 to 263A ...	Offences relating to stamps	...	2	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5	467 and 471 ...	Offences relating to Government Promissory notes.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6	489A to 489D ...	Offences relating to Currency notes and Bank notes.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
7	212 to216 and 216A.	Harbouring an offender	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
8	224, 225, 225B and 226.	Other offences against public justice	...	11	...	...	10	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	1 transferred.
9	143 to 153, 157, 158, 159.	Rioting or unlawful assembly	...	124	...	...	119	91	28	...	...	19	3	16	5 transferred; 1 withdrawn.
10	140, 170, 171 ...	Personating public servant or soldier ...	...	3	...	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	148	...	...	142	110	32	...	...	19	3	16	6 transferred; 1 withdrawn.
		CLASS II.—*Serious Offences against the Person.*													
11	302, 303, 396 ...	Murder	...	8	...	...	5	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	2 transferred.
12	307	Attempts at murder	...	5	...	...	5	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	
13	304, 308	Culpable homicide	...	3	...	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	
14	376	Rape by a person other than the husband ...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	
15	377	Unnatural offences	...	3	...	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	
16	317, 318	Exposure of infants or concealment of birth...	...	2	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	
17	305, 306, 309 ...	Attempt at, and abetment of, suicide... ...	...	37	...	...	34	29	5	...	...	...	...	...	1 transferred; 2 died.
18	325, 326, 329, 331, 333, 335.	Grievous hurt	...	127	...	...	126	71	55	...	...	11	4	7	1 transferred; 1 lunatic; 44 compounded.
19	328	Administering stupefying drugs to cause hurt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
20	324, 327, 330, 332.	Hurt	...	166	...	...	166	115	51	...	...	44	11	33	39 compounded.
21	363 to 369 & 371, 372, 373.	Kidnapping or abduction, selling, etc., for prostitution and dealing in slaves.	...	64	...	...	60	49	11	...	...	17	4	13	2 transferred; 2 died.
22	346 to 348 ...	Wrongful confinement and restraint in secret or for the purpose of extortion.	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
23	353, 354, 356, 357.	Criminal force to public servant or woman, or an attempt to commit theft or wrongfully confine.	...	70	...	...	70	60	10	...	...	28	4	24	
24	304A, 338 ...	Rash or negligent act causing death or grievous hurt.	...	21	...	...	21	10	11	...	...	...	...	...	5 compounded.
		Total ...	...	508	...	...	497	348	149	...	1	100	23	77	6 transferred; 4 died; 1 lunatic; 88 compounded.
		CLASS III.—*Serious Offences against Person and Property, or against Property only.*													
25	395, 397, 398, 399, 402.	Dacoity and preparation and assembly for dacoity.	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 transferred.
26	392, 393, 394, 397, 398.	Robbery	...	20	...	...	20	12	8	...	...	1	...	1	
27	270, 281, 282, 430 to 433, 435 to 440.	Serious mischief and cognate offences ...	...	7	...	...	7	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	
28	428, 429	Mischief by killing, poisoning, or maiming any animal.	...	2	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	
29	449 to 452, 454, 455, 457 to 460.	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking with intent to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt and house-trespass with a view to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt.	...	436	...	...	427	400	27	...	...	1	1	...	9 transferred; 1 lunatic; 1 withdrawn.
30	311, 400, 401 ...	Belonging to gangs of thugs, dacoits, robbers and thieves.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	469	...	...	456	415	41	...	...	2	1	1	13 transferred; 1 lunatic; 1 withdrawn.
		CLASS IV.—*Minor Offences against the Person.*													
31	341 to 344 ...	Wrongful restraint and confinement	...	22	...	...	22	8	14	...	...	30	1	29	13 compounded.
32	336, 337	Rash act causing hurt or endangering life ...	...	12	...	...	12	8	4	...	...	2	1	1	4 compounded.
33	374	Compulsory labour	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	34	...	...	34	16	18	...	...	32	2	30	17 compounded.

STATEMENT A—*concluded.*

Serial Number.	Law.	Offence.	Persons in custody pending trial or investigation or on bail under Section 170, Criminal Procedure Code, at beginning of year as concerned in cases reported to, or in cases taken up by the Police.	Arrested by the Police during the year.	Released under Section 169, Criminal Procedure Code.	Released by Magistrate's order before trial.	Number of persons tried.	Number convicted.	Number acquitted or discharged.	Number of persons evading arrest at close of year.	Number in custody pending trial or investigation or on bail at end of year.	Persons concerned in Magistrate's Cases. Number arrested.	Number convicted.	Number acquitted or discharged.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Sections of Indian Penal Code.														
		CLASS V.—*Minor Offences against Property.*													
34	379 to 382 ...	Theft ... of cattle ... ordinary	1	3,083	...	...	3,067	2,927	140	...	...	52	12	40	17 transferred; 5 lunatics; 1 compounded.
35	406 to 409 ...	Criminal breach of trust	...	309	...	...	307	269	38	...	...	236	49	187	2 transferred; 1 lunatic.
36	411 to 414 ...	Receiving stolen property	3	221	...	...	223	167	56	...	...	4	...	4	1 transferred.
37	419, 420	Cheating	...	146	...	...	144	127	17	...	...	75	10	65	3 transferred; 1 withdrawn.
38	447, 448, 453 and 456.	Criminal or house-trespass and lurking house-trespass or house-breaking.	...	51	...	...	51	28	23	...	...	34	9	25	9 compounded.
39	461, 462	Breaking closed receptacle	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 transferred.
		Total ...	4	3,812	...	...	3,793	3,519	274	...	...	401	80	321	23 transferred; 6 lunatics; 1 withdrawn; 10 compounded.
		CLASS VI.—*Other Offences not specified above.*													
40	295 to 297 ...	Offences against religion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	
41	269, 277, 279, 280, 283, 285, 286, 289, 291 to 294, Sec. 34 of Act V of 1861, and nuisances punishable under local laws.	Public nuisances	...	71	...	...	71	61	10	...	...	12	5	7	
42	.....	Offences under special and local laws declared to be cognizable.	...	38,010	...	...	38,994	37,075	1,919	...	...	6,382	6,185	197	16 transferred; 3 lunatics; 83 withdrawn; 1 compounded.
		Total ...	...	39,081	...	...	39,065	37,136	1,929	...	...	6,395	6,190	205	16 transferred; 3 lunatics; 83 withdrawn; 1 compounded.
		GRAND TOTAL ...	4	44,054	...	...	43,989	41,548	2,443	...	1	6,949	6,299	650	64 transferred; 4 died; 11 lunatics; 86 withdrawn; 116 compounded.

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 26th May 1909.

S. M. EDWARDES,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENT B—PART I.

RETURN OF NON-COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1908.

Serial Number.	Law.	Offence.	Number pending at beginning of year.	Cases reported in the year.	Total for disposal (columns 4 & 5).	Number dismissed without trial.	Cases in which accused died, escaped or became insane during trial or in which charges were abandoned, compounded or withdrawn (Sections 247, 248, 259, 333, 345 & 494, C. P. C.).	Number of cases tried to a conclusion and ending in		Number pending at close of year.	Number declared by the Court never to have occurred, or to be mistakes of law or fact.	Number in which the Court held that a cognizable offence was committed	Cases reversed on appeal or on revision.
								Discharge or acquittal.	Conviction				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Sections of I. P. Code.												
1	115	Abetment of non-cognizable offence not committed, &c.	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
	117	Abetting commission of non-cognizable offence by public, &c.	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
	118, 119	Concealing design to commit non-cognizable offence.	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
	CLASS I.—*Offences against the State, Public Tranquillity, &c., &c.*												
2	121 to 130, 505.	Offences against the State.	...	3	3	...	.....	...	3	...	...	...	...
3	137	Harbouring deserters by Master of Ship.	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	172 to 190, 201 to 204, 213 to 215, 225A, 227 to 229.	Offences against public justice.	...	4	4	...	.....	1	1	2	...	...	...
5	161 to 169, 217 to 223.	Offences by public servants.	...	10	10	...	.....	2	7	1	...	...	...
6	193 to 200, 205 to 211, 421 to 424.	False evidence, false complaints and claims, and fraudulent deeds, and disposition of property.	...	10	10	...	.....	7	1	2	...	...	...
7	465 to 477A.	Forgery or fraudulently using forged documents not being Government Promissory Notes, and falsifying accounts.	1	4	5	...	1	3	...	1	...	...	...
8	264 to 267.	Offences relating to weights and measures.	...	7	7	...	.....	1	6	...	...	...	...
9	482 to 489.	Making or using false trade marks.	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	149, 153A to 156, 160.	Rioting, unlawful assembly, affray.	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	1	38	39	...	1	14	18	6	...	...	...
	CLASS II.—*Serious Offences against the Person.*												
11	312 to 316.	Causing miscarriage ...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	370 ...	Buying or disposing of slaves.	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
12a	376 ...	Rape by the husband ...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
	CLASS III.—*Serious Offences against Property.*												
13	384 to 389.	Extortion	...	3	3	...	.....	2	1	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	3	3	...	.....	2	1	...	...	...	...
	CLASS IV.—*Minor Offences against the Person.*												
14	345 ...	Wrongful confinement ...	...	1	1	...	.....	1	...	...	...	...	...
15	352, 355, 358	Criminal force	...	2,224	2,224	480	15	1,410	316	3	...	...	...
16	334 ...	Hurt on grave or sudden provocation.	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	323 ...	Voluntarily causing hurt...	...	671	671	126	5	391	149	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	2,896	2,896	606	20	1,802	465	3	...	...	...

STATEMENT B-I—*continued.*

Serial Number.	Law.	Offence.	Number pending at beginning of year.	Cases reported in the year.	Total for disposal (columns 4 & 5).	Number dismissed without trial.	Cases in which accused died, escaped or became insane during trial or in which charges were abandoned, compounded or withdrawn (Sections 247, 248, 259, 333, 345 & 494, C. P. C.).	Number of cases tried to a conclusion and ending in		Number pending at close of year.	Number declared by the Court never to have occurred, or to be mistakes of law or fact.	Number in which the Court held that a cognizable offence was committed.	Cases reversed on appeal or on revision.
								Discharge or acquittal.	Conviction.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	CLASS V.—*Minor Offences against Property.*												
18	417, 418 ...	Cheating	6	29	35	3	8	18	2	4	...	...	...
19	403 to 405...	Criminal misappropriation of property.	6	28	34	...	4	17	9	4	...	...	...
20	426, 427, 434.	Mischief (simple) ...	...	42	42	8	1	27	6	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	12	99	111	11	13	62	17	8	...	...	...
	CLASS VI.—*Other Offences not specified above.*												
21	298 ...	Offences against religion...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	490 to 492 .	Criminal breach of contract of service.	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	493 to 498...	Offences relating to marriage.	5	63	68	15	5	40	6	2	...	...	...
24	500 to 502...	Defamation	2	71	73	11	2	46	6	8	...	...	...
25	504, 506 to 510.	Intimidation, insult and annoyance.	...	612	612	112	8	420	72	...	...	...	...
26	271 to 276, 278, 284, 287, 288, 290.	Public and local nuisances.	...	2	2	1	.....	1	...	...	...	...	...
27	294A ...	Keeping a Lottery Office...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	Cases under Chapter VIII (*a*), C. P. C.	Security for keeping the peace on conviction.	1	3	4	...	.....	3	1	...	...	...	...
29	Cases under Chapter X, C. P. C.	Public nuisances	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
30	Cases under Chapter XII, C. P. C.	Disputes as to immoveable property.	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
31	Cases under Chapter XXXVI, C. P. C.	Maintenance of wives and children.	...	125	125	33	6	52	33	1	...	...	...
		Total ...	8	876	884	172	21	562	118	11	...	...	...
	OFFENCES UNDER OTHER SPECIAL OR LOCAL LAWS NOT COGNIZABLE BY THE POLICE.												
32	Section 100, C. P. C.	Search for persons wrongfully confined.	...	3	3	...	.....	3	...	...	...	...	...
33	Act XI of 1890.	The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.	...	29	29	3	5	10	11	...	...	...	...
34	Act XIII of 1859.	The Workman's Breach of Contract Act.	...	44	44	3	1	34	6	...	...	...	...
35	Act XXV of 1867.	The Press and Registration of Books Act.	...	7	7	...	.....	1	5	1	...	...	...
36	Act IV of 1902.	The City of Bombay Police Act.	...	52	52	1	1	13	36	1	...	...	...
37	Act I of 1877.	The Bombay Vaccination Act	1	...	1	...	.....	1	...	..	...	...	...
38	Act XI of 1891.	The Indian Factories Act	2	7	9	2	.. ...	4	3	...	...	...	...
39	Act III of 1888.	The City of Bombay Municipal Act.	...	5,376	5,376	66	810	2,117	2,383	...	...	...	...
40	Act IV of 1884.	The Indian Explosives Act.	...	3	3	...	.....	1	2	...	...	...	...
41	Act II of 1887.	The Protection of Pilgrims Act.	...	1	1	...	.....	...	1	...	...	...	...
42	Section 514, C. P. C	Forfeiture of Bail Bond...	...	11	11	...	.....	1	10	...	...	...	...
43	Act XIV of 1895.	Pilgrim Ships Act ...	...	1	1	...	.....	...	1	...	...	...	...
44	Act XV of 1882.	The Presidency Small Cause Courts Act.	...	1	1	...	.....	1	...	...	...	...	...
45	Act II of 1891.	The Bombay Boiler Inspection Act.	...	2	2	...	.....	...	2	...	...	...	...
46	Act VII of 1880.	The Indian Merchant Shipping Act.	...	1	1	...	.....	...	1	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	3	5,538	5,541	75	817	2,186	2,461	2	...	...	...
		GRAND TOTAL ...	24	9,450	9,474	864	872	4,628	3,080	30	...	...	...

Chief Presidency Magistrate's Court,
Bombay, 31st March 1909.

A. H. S. ASTON,
Chief Presidency Magistrate
and Revenue Judge, Bombay.

STATEMENT B.—PART—II.

(RETURN OF NON-COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1908.)

Serial Number.	Law under which punishable.	Offence.	Persons concerned in cases pending at beginning of the year, namely, under trial or against whom process had issued.	Persons against whom Process issued.		Persons not arrested because they absconded or evaded or failed to comply with summons during the year; and persons against whom processes were outstanding at end of the year.	Persons who appeared before the Courts.	Persons discharged after appearance without trial.	Persons tried.		Percentage of number convicted to number against whom process issued (Columns 5 and 6).	Persons under trial at close of the year.	Remarks.		
				On complaint.	On Magistrate's own motion or information from the Police.				Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.			Number concerned in cases abandoned, compounded, or withdrawn and number who died, escaped or became insane during trial.	Number of those in Column 11 convicted of cognizable offences.	Persons who died, escaped or were transferred before appearance.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14(a)	14(b)	14(c)
	Sections of I. P. Code.														
1	115	Abetment of non-cognizable offence not committed, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	117	Abetting commission of non-cognizable offence by public, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	118, 119	Concealing design to commit non-cognizable offence.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		CLASS I.—*Offences against the State, Public Tranquillity, &c., &c.*													
2	121 to 130, 505 ...	Offences against the State	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	3	100·	...	...	...	...
3	137	Harbouring deserters by Master of Ship.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	172 to 190, 201 to 204, 213 to 215, 225A, 227 to 229.	Offences against public justice ...	...	6	...	1	5	...	1	1	16·66	3	...	...	...
5	161 to 169, 217 to 223.	Offences by public servants	...	10	...	1	9	...	2	7	70·	...	...	...	...
6	193 to 200, 205 to 211, 421 to 424.	False evidence, false complaints and claims, and fraudulent deeds, and disposition of property.	...	12	...	3	9	...	8	1	8.33	...	...	...	...
7	465 to 477A ...	Forgery or fraudulently using forged documents not being Government Promissory Notes, and falsifying accounts.	1	5	...	2	4	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...
8	264 to 267 ...	Offences relating to weights and measures.	...	7	...	...	7	...	1	6	85·71	...	...	...	...
9	482 to 489 ...	Making or using false trade-marks...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	149, 153A to 156, 160.	Rioting, unlawful assembly, affray...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	1	43	...	7	37	...	15	18	41·86	3	1	...	...
		CLASS II.—*Serious Offences against the Person.*													
11	312 to 316 ...	Causing miscarriage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	370	Buying or disposing of slaves ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12a	376	Rape by the husband	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		CLASS III.—*Serious Offences against Property.*													
13	384 to 389 ...	Extortion	...	4	...	...	4	...	3	1	25·00	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	4	...	...	4	...	3	1	25·00	...	...	...	...
		CLASS IV.—*Minor Offences against the Person.*													
14	345	Wrongful confinement	...	2	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	352, 355, 358 ...	Criminal force	...	4,299	...	...	4,299	884	2,879	495	11·5	6	35	...	...
16	334	Hurt on grave or sudden provocation.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	323	Voluntarily causing hurt	...	1,446	...	...	1,446	252	931	249	17·21	...	14	...	...
		Total ...	...	5,747	...	...	5,747	1,136	3,812	744	12·94	6	49	...	...
		CLASS V.—*Minor Offences against Property.*													
18	417, 418 ...	Cheating	6	38	...	7	37	4	21	2	5·26	...	10	...	...
19	403 to 405 ...	Criminal misappropriation of property.	6	31	...	4	33	...	20	9	29·03	...	4	...	...
20	426, 427, 434 ...	Mischief (simple)	...	72	...	...	72	18	42	10	13·88	...	2	...	...
		Total ...	12	141	...	11	142	22	83	21	14·89	...	16	...	...

STATEMENT B-II—*concluded.*

Serial Number.	Law under which punishable.	Offence.	Persons concerned in cases pending at beginning of the year, namely under trial or against whom process had issued.	Persons against whom Process issued.		Persons not arrested because they absconded or evaded or failed to comply with summons during the year; and persons against whom processes were outstanding at end of the year.	Persons who appeared before the Courts.	Persons discharged after appearance without trial.	Persons tried.		Percentage of number convicted to number against whom process issued (Columns 5 and 6).	Persons under trial at close of the year.	Remarks.		
				On complaint.	On Magistrate's own motion or information from the Police.				Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.			Number concerned in cases abandoned, compounded, or withdrawn and number who died, escaped or became insane during trial.	Number of those in Column 11 convicted of cognizable offences.	Persons who died, escaped or were transferred before appearance.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14(*a*)	14(*b*)	14(*c*)
		CLASS VI.—*Other Offences not specified above.*													
21	298	Offences against religion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	490 to 492 ...	Criminal breach of contract of service.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	493 to 498 ...	Offences relating to marriage ...	6	81	...	2	85	18	50	8	9·87	3	6	...	...
24	500 to 502 ...	Defamation	8	96	...	6	98	14	62	6	6·25	8	8	...	...
25	504, 506 to 510 ...	Intimidation, insult and annoyance .	...	1,008	...	...	1,008	179	734	83	8·23	...	A12	...	...
26	271 to 276, 278, 284, 287, 288, 290.	Public and local nuisances	...	2	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	294A	Keeping a Lottery Office	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	Cases under Chapter VIII (A), C. P. C.	Security for keeping the peace on conviction.	1	4	...	...	5	...	4	1	25·00	...	...	...	...
29	Cases under Chapter X, C. P. C.	Public nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30	Cases under Chapter XII, C. P. C.	Disputes as to immoveable property.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31	Cases under Chapter XXXVI, C. P. C.	Maintenance of wives and children...	...	126	...	1	125	34	52	33	26·19	...	6	...	...
		Total ...	15	1,317	...	9	1,323	246	903	131	9 94	11	32	...	...
		Offences under other special or local laws not cognizable by the Police.													
32	100, C. P. C., Search for persons wrongfully confined ...		...	3	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
33	Act XI of 1890, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act ...		...	27	...	...	29	3	10	11	37·93	...	B. 5	...	...
34	Act XIII of 1859, Workman's Breach of Contract Act ...		...	49	...	...	49	3	40	5	10·20	...	1	...	...
35	Act XXV of 1867, Press and Registration of Books Acts.		...	8	...	...	8	...	2	5	62·5	...	1	...	...
36	Act IV of 1902, City of Bombay Police Act		...	53	...	...	53	1	13	37	69·81	1	1	...	...
37	Act I of 1877, Bombay Vaccination Act		1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
38	Act XII of 1891, Indian Factories Act		2	11	...	...	13	2	8	3	27·27	...	...	...	...
39	Act III of 1888, City of Bombay Municipal Act		...	5,376	...	...	5,376	63	2,117	2,383	44·32	...	C. 810	...	...
40	Act IV of 1884, Indian Explosives Act		...	3	...	...	3	...	1	2	66·66	...	...	...	...
41	Act II of 1887, Protection of Pilgrims Act		...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	100·	...	...	...	...
42	514, C. P. C., Forfeiture of Bail Bond		...	11	...	...	11	...	1	10	90 90	...	...	...	...
43	Act XIV of 1895, Pilgrimships Act		...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	100·	...	...	...	...
44	Act XV of 1882, Presidency Small Cause Courts Act ...		...	2	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	Act II of 1881, Bombay Boiler Inspection Act		...	2	...	...	2	...	...	2	100·	...	...	...	...
46	Act VII of 1838, Indian Merchant Shipping Act ...		...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	100·	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	3	5,550	...	...	5,553	75	2,108	2,461	44·34	1	818	...	...
		GRAND TOTAL ..	31	12,802	...	27	12,806	1,479	7,014	3,376	26·37	21	916	...	...

A. 1 died. B. 1 died. C. 17 died.

Chief Presidency Magistrate's Court,
Bombay, 31st March 1909.

A. H. S. ASTON,
Chief Presidency Magistrate
and Revenue Judge, Bombay.

STATEMENT C.

Property stolen and recovered during the year 1908.

Offence.	Number of cases in which property was stolen.	Number of cases in which property was recovered.	Percentage of cases in which property was recovered to cases in which property was stolen.	Amount of property stolen.	Amount of property recovered.	Percentage of value of property recovered to value of property stolen.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Rs.	Rs.		
(*A*).—*Cognizable.*							
1. Theft ... *a.* In conjunction with lurking house-trespass or house-breaking.	401	240	59·85	1,57,594	51,275	32·53	
1. Theft ... *b.* In conjunction with receiving of stolen property.	...	147	...	...	32,081	...	
1. Theft ... *c.* Other thefts.	3,080	2,602	84·48	1,58,012	92,050	58·25	
2. Robbery ... *a.* Dacoity ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2. Robbery ... *b.* Other robbery.	12	8	66·66	522	187	35·08	
3. Criminal breach of trust ...	312	239	76·60	26,453	14,982	56·63	
4. Criminal breach of trust by public servant or by a banker, merchant or agent.	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5. Possession of stolen property...	105	105	100·00	5,949	5,949	100·00	
Total ...	3,910	3,341	85·44	3,48,580	1,96,524	56·38	
(*B*).—*Non-cognizable.*							
6. Extortion	3	1	...	750	50	...	
7. Criminal misappropriation ...	18	5	...	3,688	2,357	...	
Total ...	21	6	...	4,438	2,407	...	

Figures supplied by the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, for direct cognizable cases :—

Column 2 ... ... 186 cases.
Column 3 ... ... 44 cases.
Column 5 ... ... Rs. 2,06,767.
Column 6 ... ... Rs. 14,456.

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 26th May 1909.

S. M. EDWARDES,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENT D.

Showing Sanctioned Strength and Cost of Police in 1908.

District.	Number of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner.	Number of Superintendents.	Number of Assistant Superintendents.	Number of Deputy Superintendents.	Number of Inspectors.	Number of Sub-Inspectors.	Number of Sergeants.	Number of Head Constables.			Number of Constables.			Total.
								Foot.	Water.	Mounted.	Foot.	Water.	Mounted.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Bombay ...	2	9	...	...	33	41	...	149	9	17	1,913	87	83	2,343
	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	3	...	...	32	...	...	40

District.	Total Cost payable from Imperial and Provincial Revenues.	Total Cost payable from other sources than Imperial and Provincial Revenues.	Grand Total Cost (Columns 16 and 17).	Area of District in square miles.	Population of District.	Urban Population of District.	Number of Police Stations.	Number of Outposts.	Proportion of Police		Total amount of cognizable crime investigated.	Proportion of cognizable crime investigated to the Police Force.	Remarks.
									To area.	To population.			
1	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Rs	Rs.	Rs.										
Bombay ...	9,11,822	63,306	9,75,128	22	*977,822	...	32	369	106·50	417·76	40,827	17·42	
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Sanitary Police (Temporary).

* Bombay Municipal Census of February 1906.

Foot-note.—(1) Additional Police employed temporarily should not be shown as part of the sanctioned Force, but should be added at the end of the statement the purposes for which they are employed being explained in the text of the report.

(2) The total cost shown in column 18 should include contingencies.

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 26th May 1909.

S. M. EDWARDES,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENT E.

Return showing Equipment, Discipline and General Internal Management of the Force for the year 1908.

Range.	District.	Total Strength.				Armament of the Force.			Punishments.											
		Sanctioned.		Actual.					Dismissed.		Punished departmentally otherwise than by dismissal.		Punished judicially by a Magistrate or Sessions Court.							
													Under Police Act.		Under Sections 330, 331, 348, Indian Penal Code.		Under Chapter IX of Indian Penal Code.		Other Offences.	
		Officers.	Men.	Officers.	Men.	Number of swords.	Number of muskets.	Number of pistols.	Officers.	Men.	Officers.	Men.	Officers.	Men.	Officers.	Men.	Officers.	Men.	Officers.	Men.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Bombay ...	74	2,258	72	2,218	105	128	86	...	7	7	204	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3

Range.	District.	Rewards.		Education.		Number of Constables.					Number who have left the Force during the year.						Percentage on total actual strength of			Remarks.
		Rewarded during the year.		Number of Police who can read and write.		Number enlisted during the year.	Of 1 year and under 3 years' service.	Of 3 years and under 10 years.	Of 10 years and under 17 years.	Of 17 years and over.	On pension or gratuity.	By resignation without pension or gratuity.	By dismissal.	By discharge otherwise than under preceding columns.	By desertion.	By death.	Admissions into hospital.	Daily average number of men absent from duty on account of sickness.	Deaths.	
		By Promotion.	By Khilats, presents, good-conduct stripes, or money rewards.	Officers.	Men.															
1	2	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
	Bombay ...	212	892	72	722	173	262	794	668	321	43	31	7	16	...	38	114·97	2·47	1·65	42 vacancies.

Note.—This statement does not include Assistant or Deputy Superintendents or officers of higher rank. Head Constables should be shown as men.

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 26th May 1909.

S. M. EDWARDES,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

Return of Inquests held by the Coroner of Bombay during the Calendar Year 1908.

No. 6 of 1909.

Causes of Deaths.	Total number of Inquests during 1907.	Total number of Inquests during 1908.	Increase.	Decrease.
Deaths caused by—Culpable homicide amounting to murder	2	1	...	1
" Culpable homicide amounting to murder. Offender unknown ...	...	1	1	...
" Culpable homicide amounting to murder, Offender committed suicide	1	...	...	1
" Culpable homicide not amounting to murder	1	3	2	...
" Voluntarily causing grievous hurt.	1	4	3	...
" Causing simple hurt ...	...	1	1	...
" Rash and negligent Act ...	5	3	...	2
" Acts punishable under the Indian Penal Code ...	...	3	3	...
Suicidal Cases.				
Deaths caused by—Cutting throat	1	2	1	...
" Drowning	39	43	4	...
" Hanging	1	7	6	...
" Stabbing	2	1	...	1
" Shooting	3	2	...	1
" Burning	...	1	1	...
" Opium, arsenic and other poisons	34	39	5	...
" Jumping out of a window, terrace, &c.	8	8	...	...
" Lying on railway line in front of a train in motion ...	3	1	...	2
Accidental Deaths.				
Deaths caused by—Accidents on boardships ...	2	9	7	...
" " from railways ...	39	42	3	...
" " from machinery ...	6	8	2	...
" " from cars ...	2	15	13	...
" " from motor cars ...	...	10	10	...
" " by blasting operation ...	...	4	4	...
" " by bites from venomous reptiles ...	1	...	...	1
" " " rabid dogs.	1	1	...	...
" " by being knocked down by a run away horse ...	1	1	...	...
" " by scalds ...	1	2	1	...
" Accidental drowning ...	20	33	13	...
" " poisoning ...	11	7	...	4
" " suffocation ...	2	...	...	2
" " burns	10	3	...	7
" " fall from houses, buildings, &c. ...	14	7	...	7
" " fall from scaffoldings, ladders and down stair, &c. ...	1	4	3	...
" " fall from hills, trees, &c.	1	...	...	1
" " fall of bales of cotton, bags of merchandise, sugar, &c. ...	6	4	...	2
" " fall of rocks, earth, stones, &c. ...	3	11	8	...
" " fall of metals, iron plates, girders, &c....	1	1	...	...
Carried over ...	223	282	91	32

Return of Inquests, &c.—concluded.

Causes of Deaths.	Total number of Inquests during 1907.	Total number of Inquests during 1908.	Increase.	Decrease.
Brought over ...	223	282	91	32
Deaths caused by—Fall of trees, houses, buildings, walls, &c.	6	10	4	...
,, Fall into a dry well ...	...	2	2	...
,, Fall on roads, pavements, &c. ...	...	5	5	...
,, Excessive drinking	4	4	...	...
,, Explosion of fireworks, gases, &c.	2	3	1	...
,, Injuries from carts and carriages.	16	23	7	...
,, Burnt in a house on fire ...	1	...	...	1
,, Miscellaneous accidents ...	6	15	9	...
,, Falling on a line—electric wire...	1	...	...	1
,, Gunshot wounds during Riots ...	...	12	12	...
,, Natural causes	41	37	...	4
,, Exposure of newly born infants...	1	2	1	...
,, Strangulation	...	3	3	...
,, Still-born	...	1	1	...
Deaths how and under what circumstances caused not known.				
Deaths caused by—Found dead	9	7	...	2
,, ,, drowned	37	32	...	5
Total ...	347	438	136	45

14th January 1909.

(Signed) E. T. LAMBERT,
Acting Coroner of Bombay.

(True copy.)

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 26th May 1909.

S. M. EDWARDES,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

Statement showing the Offences for which persons of the age of 14 years and under were placed before the Presidency Magistrates, Bombay, during the year 1908.

Serial No.	Offences.	Number of persons arrested.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Result of persons convicted.						Remarks.
					Sent to David Sassoon Reformatory.	Imprisoned.	Flogged.	Fined.	Bound over to be of good behaviour.	Admonished and discharged.	
1	Theft	154	147	7	23	27	83	2	8	4	
2	House-breaking and theft...	26	25	1	7	7	11	...	...	...	
3	Criminal Breach of Trust ...	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	
4	Receiving stolen property...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	
5	Voluntarily causing grievous hurt.	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6	House-trespass	3	3	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	
7	Cheating	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	
8	Doing act of endangering life.	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
9	Public Conveyance Act ...	58	58	...	...	2	12	38	1	5	
10	Gambling	15	15	...	...	1	1	12	...	1	
11	Possession of stolen property.	4	4	...	...	1	1	...	2	...	
12	Cruelty to Animals ...	24	24	...	...	3	...	18	...	3	
13	Begging for alms	45	41	4	...	34	...	4	...	3	
14	Drunkenness	9	9	...	...	3	3	3	...	...	
15	Indecent behaviour ...	25	12	13	...	...	...	11	...	1	
16	Obstruction by squatters ...	287	254	33	...	50	...	187	...	17	
17	Letting off fireworks ...	12	12	...	...	...	...	8	...	4	
18	Other Sections of the Police Act.	69	65	4	...	2	...	55	...	8	
19	Playing Music without a license.	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	
	Total ...	740	677	63	34	130	113	343	11	46	

Police Commissioner's Office:
Bombay, 26th May 1909.

S. M. EDWARDES,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

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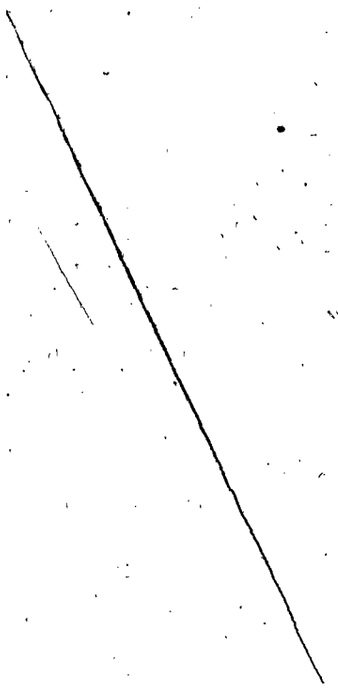

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Bombay Castle, 30th June 1909.

Letter from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. 5530—7, dated the 26th May 1909—Submitting the Annual Police Report for the Town and Island of Bombay for the year 1908.

Letter from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. 6214—7, dated the 9th June 1909.

RESOLUTION.—The total number of cognizable and non-cognizable cases, which was 60,054 in 1907 fell in 1908 to 57,007 of which 47,557 were cognizable and 9,450 non-cognizable cases. There was an actual increase of 537 in the number of cases under the Penal Code and the reduction in the total was due to a decrease of 4,692 in the number of petty cases of cruelty to animals, gambling and the like which fall under Class VI. The credit for this is ascribed by the Commissioner of Police to the efficiency with which the Benches of the Honorary Magistrates discharged their duties.

2. The increase of cases under the Indian Penal Code was distributed over all classes of offences with the exception of those relating to minor offences against the person. The percentage of convictions in cases under the Indian Penal Code has improved in the last three years from 74·97 in 1906 to 79·26 in 1908. The figures of percentage in other cases have not altered much and may be deemed satisfactory. In all 1,369 cases were excluded and of these 22 were declared false. Compensation was granted to falsely accused persons in 13 cases.

3. Six hundred and four cases remained undetected at the close of the year as against 644 in the preceding year.

4. The result of the year's working may be summed up as a large decrease in petty crime, accompanied by a slight increase in serious crime and but little change in the percentage of success in dealing with it.

5. The work of the Criminal Identification Branch continued to expand and 992 persons were identified by means of finger impressions as against 794 in 1907 and 674 in 1906.

6. The value of stolen property increased from Rs. 3,07,088 to Rs. 3,48,530. The percentage of recovery fell from 62·53 to 56·38.

7. Street accidents resulted in 46 deaths and 979 cases of injury, private carriages other than motor cars being responsible for the largest number of casualties.

8. A considerable increase took place in the number of serious fires in the City and property worth Rs. 35,33,115 was destroyed.

9. During the year 16,111 pilgrims left Bombay for the Hedjaz and 18,230 returned *via* Bombay *en route* to their homes in different parts of India to which they were sent under the usual police arrangements.

Government are glad to notice the favourable mention of the labours of the Haj Committee under the Presidency of Mr. H. G. Gell, M.V.O.

10. The Police establishment was increased during the year by 82 officers and men. In common with the rest of the City the force suffered from the unhealthiness of the latter portion of the year and admissions to the Northcote Police Hospital rose from 1,920 to 2,633. Discipline was well maintained, 1,104 rewards being given during the year while there were only 242 punishments against 287 in 1907 and 408 in 1906.

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11. The Mohurrum disturbances, the disorder following on B. G. Tilak's trial and the strikes by the mill-hands seriously augmented the ordinary work of the Police force, and the acknowledgments of Government are due to the officers and men for the cheerful spirit in which the extra work was done.

(Signed) J. T. SCOTSON,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner of Police, Bombay,
The Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay,
The Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay,
The Compiler of the General Administration Report,
The General Department,
The Government of India,
The Secretary of State for India,
} by letter.